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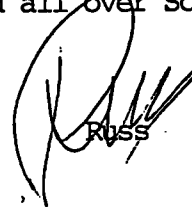
Dear Commodore:

Sorry to hear that you are on the sick lame and lazy list. -

Found this in a Record Group 319 (Army Staff) file at the Federal Records Center (NARS) Suitland.

Looks like Boris really had a problem with the 209s ending up all over the world.

There was another document (which I didn't make a copy of) which referred to M-209s which were scattered all over South America-- Peru, Bolivia, etc.



Russ

Did you send me a cy of your memo to D/DIR and DoJ??

JUSMAG PHIL

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4 April 1951
LSH/CAN/hej

SUBJECT: Approval of Converters M-209 on MDAP for the Philippines

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4
General Staff, U.S. Army
Washington 25, D. C.
(ATTN: Foreign Military Aid Branch)

1. Reference is made to:

- a. Converters M-209 included in the Signal Section of the JUSMAG recommended MDA Programs for 1950, 1951 Supplemental and 1952.
- b. Omission of these items from the approved programs as indicated on pertinent Forms DD 318.
- c. Discussion in Washington between Colonel Pickett, JUSMAG, and Colonel Taber, G-4 Section, GSUSA, DA.
- d. Request for restoration of these items included in JUSMAG letter to DA, dated 26 March 1951, Subject: Revision of 1951 MDA Programs.

2. At the present time, the Armed Forces of the Philippines have on hand 369 Converters M-209 which are the cryptographic backbone of the communication system between the Armed Forces General Headquarters and the units in the field down to and including BCT and/or Battalion Headquarters.

3. The use of these converters and the security of the system is exactly the same as prescribed by U.S. doctrine. Present training in the use of the converters is conducted in the Philippine Signal Corps School by instructors who were previously trained at AFWESPAC Signal School.

4. If the question of security is the reason for the deletion of this item from MDAP to the Philippines, it is requested that the following points be considered:

a. The Armed Forces of the Philippines are presently using this equipment originally received from the U.S. Army, or purchased in limited quantities from local surplus dealers most of whom are aliens.

b. The device itself is ^{not} highly classified, and the Philippine Armed Forces have the same security regulations concerning its employment as those of the United States.

5. No Converters M-209 are presently available from local surplus dealers and, consequently, newly activated units cannot be sufficiently supplied with the item unless they are furnished by MDAP.

6. It is recommended that Converters M-209 be supplied to the Philippines and that the following quantities be reinstated in the MDA Program:

a. Fiscal Year 1950	50	ea	Converters M-209
b. " " 1951 Supplemental	37	ea	"
c. " " 1952	142	ea	"
TOTAL		229	/s/ Maj Gen Leland S. Hobbs

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Security Division/SMI Br
Major Hopper/53782/mjv

C2-3MI

SUBJECT: Approval of Converters M-209 on EDAP for the Philippines

TO: G4/FEA

FROM: G2

DATE: JUN 12 1951 COMMENT NO. 4
Major Hopper/53782/mjv

1. The recommendation by JUSMAG, Philippines, that a total of 229 Converters M-209 be supplied under EDAP, has been reviewed.

2. It is noted that requests for Converters M-209 by several friendly foreign countries have been disapproved by G-2, Department of the Army for the following reasons:

a. Present limited stock position on M-209's.

b. Destruction of tools, dies, and fixtures used in manufacture subsequent to the last U.S. contract.

c. No advantage seen in training foreign personnel if M-209's could not be made available in quantities needed for tactical operations.

d. Method of operation is cryptographic information not releasable to foreign governments without an approved exception to national policy.

3. In review of the JUSMAG request, the following conclusions have been made:

a. In spite previous denials to other friendly foreign governments, it is believed that the JUSMAG request should receive special consideration since the Philippine Government is unique as compared to other foreign governments by reason of its history and its present and past relationships with the United States.

b. The requirement of 229 M-209's will not adversely affect the supply situation.

c. Inasmuch as Philippine personnel have been trained in U.S. schools in the U.S. methods and doctrine for operation of the M-209, it is not believed that the furnishing of M-209's alone constitutes an exception to U.S. security policies.

d. It is not believed that the supply of M-209's to the Philippine Government will set a precedent for similar releases to other friendly foreign governments.

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SUBJECT: Approval of Converters M-209 on MDAP for the Philippines

4. In view of the foregoing conclusions, there is no objection from a security viewpoint to the proposed transfer of 209 Converters, M-209 to the Philippine Government, provided that no documentary information pertaining to doctrine and methods of operation is included in the release.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF G-2:

FOR RECORD:

Ltr, Ch JUSMAG (Phil) to G4, 4 Apr 51, rqsted reinstatement of M-209's in Philippine MDAP because the Philippines have some machines already and have been trained in US methods for use of the machine.

DF G4 to G2, 13 Apr 51, rqsted approval in view of info in JUSMAG ltr.

Cmt 2, G2 to SIG, 26 Apr 51, requested SIG comments.

Cmt 3, SIG to G2, 2 May 51, stated no objection. Further stated that current stock is sufficient to meet requirements OM, SMI to ASA, date unknown, rqsted ASA recommendations.

OM, ASA to SMI, 29 May 51, furnished info substantially the same as this comment. Stated AFSA concurrence has been obtained.

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G2/5 Div/SMI Branch
Maj Hopper/53782/rmf

Philippines

FOR RECORD: Ltr fr JUSMAG/to G-4, dated 4 April 51, referred to deletion of M-209 Converters from MDAP 50, 51 and 52 for Philippines. Stated Armed Forces Philippines have on hand 369 M-209s. Present training on these is exactly same as US doctrine. Instructors have attended AFWESPAC Sig School. Further states that many M-209s on hand is subj country were purchased from surplus dealers most of whom are aliens. Recommends inclusion of M-209s in MDAP.

DF from G-4 to G2, dtd 13 Apr 51, referred to points brought out in basic ltr re security aspect of M-209s. Recommends inclusion of items in MDAP.

G-4 did not classify DF of 13 Apr 51, even though it inclosed correspondence classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~. MCB/G2 reported this violation and stated that subj corres was received via pneumatic tube with no cover wrapper of any description.

Corres referred to SIG in accordance with conversation w/Lt Col Trainor, SIG/OP-Doctrine on 25 Apr 51.

Unit #1 not Recd - R/s

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G2-SMI

TO: SIGOP

FROM: G2

DATE: 26 April 1951

COMMENT NO. 2

Major Hopper/53782/rmf

Request your comments on the inclusion of Converter M-209 in MDA programs for the Philippines as proposed in basic letter and Comment 1, above.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2:

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n/c

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